

ALASKA TRAUMA REGISTRY CALENDAR

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Trauma Registry Update

All 1999 trauma registry data is complete except for one hospital. This is the most current we have ever been, thanks to your industrious work and the efforts of our nurse consultants, Barbara Simonsen and Jeanne Molitor, who are ready and willing to help out when needed. Eighteen hospitals are well into year 2000 data collection.

The Trauma Registry Coordinator has received 61 requests for information so far this year — already more than received in all of 1999. As usual, these requests come from a variety of agencies and individuals, including those working in injury prevention, the media, legislators, EMS instructors, and injury prevention and trauma care researchers.

The hot topics in injury this year have been snow machine injuries, suicides and suicide attempts, alcohol-related injuries, child abuse and firearm injuries.

The Trauma Registry Review Committee (TRRC) met on October 2nd to discuss trauma registry issues, the release-of-information policy, the new trauma registry software, trauma center certification, and developing trauma registry reports that are better suited to the smaller, rural hospitals.

The issue of confidentiality of trauma registry data continues to be an important issue for the TRRC. Trauma Registry staff have a policy for releasing data and a sub-committee of the TRRC assists with reviewing these requests.

The challenge is providing data to agencies and individuals to do effective injury prevention, while at the same time protecting the privacy of individuals, hospitals, and ambulance services, and honoring the trust that hospitals have placed in our office to share data responsibly.

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